

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: _____ PG: LAU-9 (PACS 1.5) _____ Construction Date: _____ 1910
Name: _____ Louisa S.B. Cowden House
Location: _____ 804 Lafayette Avenue, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Vacant/Unoccupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Louisa S.B. Cowden House is a 1-story, 3-bay hipped-roof cottage on the east side of Lafayette Avenue in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1910, the building is T-shaped with a projecting center bay and has a pedimented porch and a 1-story rear addition. The structure has a cross-hipped roof with standing-seam metal, two side hipped-roof dormers, and a central brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a brick foundation. The windows are double-hung wood-sash. The house has a pedimented porch on the front elevation. The porch has doric columns supporting the cornice and pediment. There are plain wood railings on the porch.

Significance:

The Louisa S.B. Cowden House was built in 1910 on 2.1 hectares (5.20 acres) of land purchased from J. Benjamin Mattingley. The State of Maryland bought the property in 1943 for the State Roads Commission, in order to build the elevated MD 198 (Sandy Spring Road). C. Philip Nichols purchased the house with .93 hectares (2.3 acres) of land from the State Roads Commission, which was the amount left after road construction and easements. The heirs of C. Philip Nichols sold the property in 1976 to James and Diane Winde with .1 hectares (.24 acres). The Windes sold the property to Robert Zenoble in 1981. He sold it to John and Sarah Pugh and Robert and Christina Bamber in 1983. The property was conveyed to CAM Associates in 1993, who remain the current owners.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Louisa S.B. Cowden House (preferred)

and/or common CAM Associates Property

2. Location:

street & number 804 Lafayette Avenue

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	vacant

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name CAM Associates (David McDaniel)

street & number 10407 Scaggsville Road

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code Maryland 20723

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 8716

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 868

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Louisa S.B. Cowden House is a 1-story, 3-bay hipped-roof cottage on the east side of Lafayette Avenue in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1910, the building is T-shaped with a projecting center bay and has a pedimented porch and a 1-story rear addition.

The structure has a cross-hipped roof with standing-seam metal, two hipped-roof dormers, and a central brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a brick foundation. The windows are double-hung wood-sash. The house has a pedimented porch on the front elevation. The porch has doric columns supporting the cornice and pediment. There are plain wood railings on the porch.

The west, or front elevation sits on a raised brick foundation. The basement level has two fixed-light windows. The first story entrance is centered in the projecting bay. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical. There are two 2/2 double-hung windows on the first story. The windows have fixed aluminum shutters.

The north elevation is composed of the hipped end of the front wing, a hipped middle bay, and the north side of the rear addition. The basement level has a fixed-light window at the hipped end of the front wing. There are paired 2/2 double-hung windows in the hipped end of the front wing. A wood deck is located on the middle-hipped bay. The middle bay has one 2/2 double-hung window, a door and a pair of 2/2 double-hung window. There are paired 6-light fixed windows in the rear addition. A hipped roof dormer with a louvered vent is located on the middle hipped bay. The brick chimney rises from the peak of the middle bay.

The west, or rear elevation has been altered with hipped and shed roof additions, located towards the north side of the elevation. There is a 2/2 double-hung window in the first bay of the rear wing. Brick steps lead to a door in the hipped-roof rear addition. There is a vertical-board shed with a door attached to the addition at ground level. There is an 8-light fixed window on the shed-roof addition.

The south elevation consists of the main block and the 1-story rear hipped roof addition. The basement level has two fixed-light windows. There is a 2/2 double-hung window on the hipped end of the front wing. The rear wing has a 1-light fixed window and a 2/2 double-hung window. There are paired 2/2 double-hung windows and a single 2/2 double-hung window on the rear addition. A hipped roof dormer with a louvered vent is centered on the rear wing.

There are no outbuildings associated with this building. However, a plan drawn by the State Roads Commission in 1944 shows the location of 4 chicken houses, 3 sheds, a garage and a well on the property. These buildings are no longer extant.

The property is located on the east side of Lafayette Avenue, with an apartment complex to the south and east, the CSX railroad tracks to the west, and the elevated MD 198 (Sandy Spring Road) to the north. There are trees to the north and east of the house, separating the property from the elevated road and apartments. The setting is suburban in character now, whereas the historic setting would have been rural in character.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Louisa S.B. Cowden House is located in the western portion of Laurel on Lafayette Avenue. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

The Louisa S.B. Cowden Property is an example of a 1-story, hipped-roof cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1910, the Louisa S.B. Cowden House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an altered example of an early-twentieth century agricultural residence that has lost its associated outbuildings and land. The house has been altered with aluminum siding and rear additions. The outbuildings and land were lost in 1944 when the State Roads Commission built the elevated MD 198 (Sandy Spring Road) across the northern portion of the property. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended XX
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 9/7/98
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 9/7/98

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG: LAU-9 (PACS 1.5)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date May 1998

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

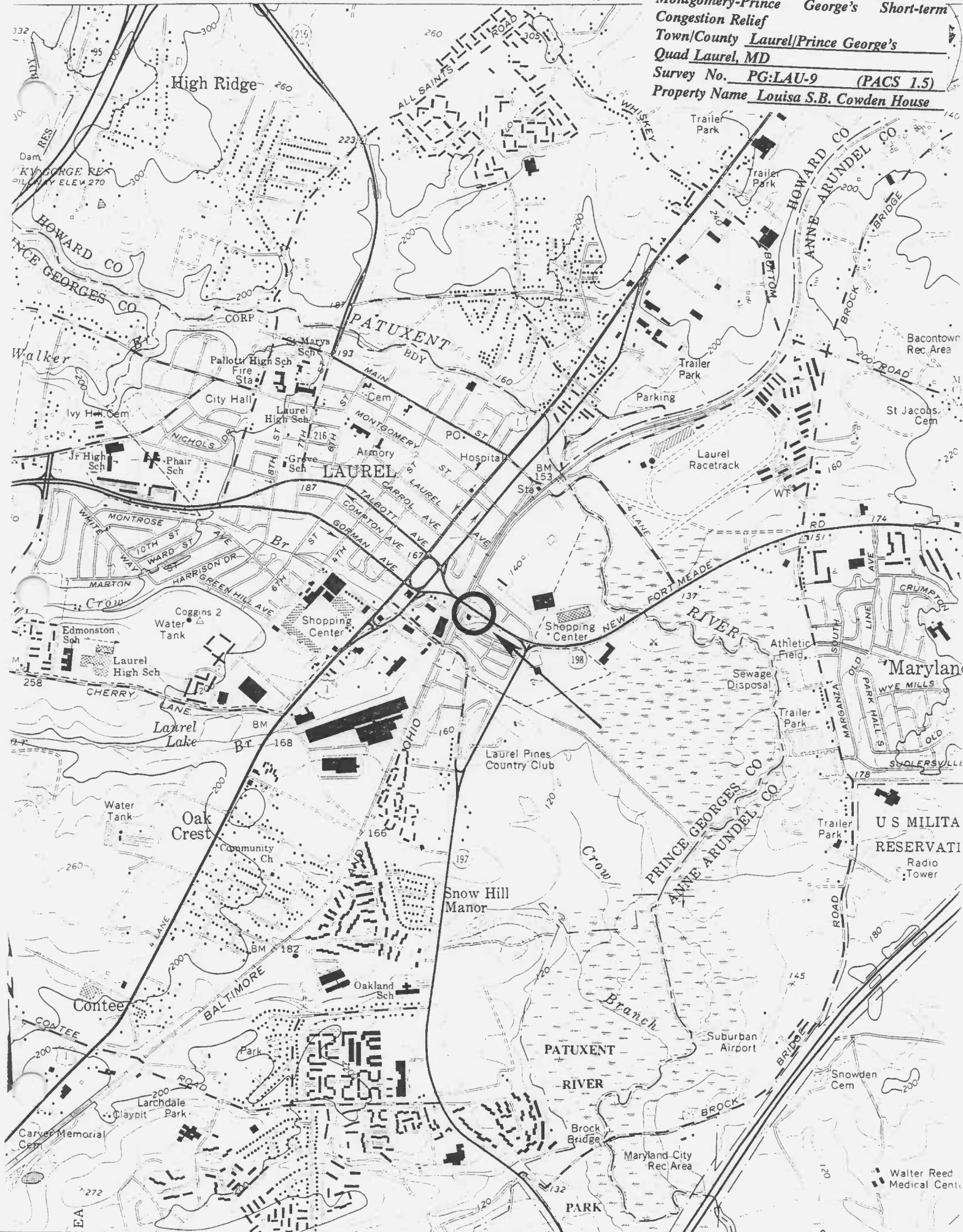
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1 PG. 100-9

2 2nd in SP Gordon House

3 Prince George's Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 NW Corner

8 2 of 2

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1 PG. Lau 9

2 Lousa 5K Qun to. N. 2C

3 Prince George Co. Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MS 5440

Ex. 3 in R. 17/10/82.

7 N. 1/10/82

8 2/12/9



- 1 Petal 7
- 2 Louisa N. Burton House
- 3 Prince George. 35. 112
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/01
- 6 Mid 5411
- 7 N.E. Corner
- 8 4 sf 8

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1 Po. Lau 9

2 Louisa Sp. Sordani House

3 Prince Henry Co. 122

4 Lower Cape

5 E/O

6 Md SHPO

7 E. elevation

CS + S = 100% 100%

8 E. x S



- 1 PG Cam 9
- 2 Louisa S B London House
- 3 Parcel Diagram 2, 11-1
4. Susan Daylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md Appo
- 7 SE corner
- 8 6 of 8

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1 PG Can - 9

2 Linn - 16 Con den House

3 Prince George's Co. Md

4 Linn - 16

5 5/28

6 Md SkPO

7 S. elevation

STATION 1400 92

8 7/28



- 1 PG Van-a
- 2 Linda S. G. G. - House
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Mid SHPO
- 7 2nd Comm.
- 8 1 of 8

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